

Amendments to the Specification

Please delete paragraphs [0023] and [0024] and replace them with the following:

[0023] FIGURE 2 is a simplified flow diagram of an embodiment of a catalytic reforming process that incorporates the improvements of the present invention and is configured for increased recovery of aromatics by removing a portion of a first and a second reactor effluent streams in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention; and

[0024] FIGURE 3 is a simplified flow diagram of an embodiment of a catalytic reforming process that incorporates the improvements of the present invention and is configured for increased recovery of aromatics by removing a portion of a first and a second reactor effluent streams, wherein the first and second reactor effluent streams are combined prior to being removed from the process, in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention;

Please insert the following two paragraphs between paragraphs [0024] and [0025]:

FIGURE 4 is a simplified flow diagram of an alternative embodiment of a catalytic reforming process that incorporates the improvements of the present invention and is configured for increased recovery of aromatics by removing a portion of a first reactor effluent stream in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention; and

FIGURE 5 is a simplified flow diagram of an alternative embodiment of a catalytic reforming process that incorporates the improvements of the present invention and is configured for increased recovery of aromatics by removing a portion of a first and a second reactor effluent streams in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.